

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION, PER  
RESOLUTION G-01-31, RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES  
WAIVER-03-57**

## **ISSUE**

Resolution G-01-31, Rural Transit System Grant Program (RTSGP) Guidelines, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on October 4, 2001, stipulates that RTSGP projects shall be completed by June 30, 2004.

For the ten RTSGP projects on the attached list, the responsible agencies will not be able to meet the deadline specified in the RTSGP Guidelines and have requested extensions to allow sufficient time to resolve outstanding issues.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of the extension requests.

## **BACKGROUND**

On April 3, 2002, the Commission approved Resolution G-02-01 allocating \$3,427,000 in Public Transportation Account funds for the ten Rural Transit System Grant Program projects on the attached list. The attachment describes the delays that have resulted in the extension requests.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion  
RTSGP Transit Projects

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component	Number of Months Requested
	PPNO	PA&ED	Extended Deadline
	Project Description	PS&E	CT Recommendation
	Reason for Project Delay	R/W	
		CON	
		TOTAL	
1	Placer County (DPW)	\$0	6 months
	Placer	\$0	
		\$0	12/31/2004
	Purchase Replacement Vehicles	\$594,000	
		<b>\$594,000</b>	Support
	<b>RTSGP Project</b> - The bus manufacturer's previous management made an unrealistic production commitment. The company has reorganized, and expects to complete production of the buses by August 2004. The time extension will allow the agency to inspect, accept delivery and complete final acceptance of the buses.		
2	Sacramento County (DOT)	\$0	6 months
	Sacramento	\$0	
		\$0	12/31/2004
	Purchase Expansion Vehicles	\$101,000	
		<b>\$101,000</b>	Support
	<b>RTSGP Project</b> - Lack of matching funds delayed the placement of the order into the next model year. Funding has been secured, buses have been ordered, and delivery is expected by May 31, 2004. The time extension will allow the agency to inspect, accept delivery and complete final acceptance of the buses.		
3	Town of Truckee	\$0	4 months
	El Dorado	\$0	
		\$0	10/31/2004
	Purchase three (3) bus shelters	\$36,000	
		<b>\$36,000</b>	Support
	<b>RTSGP Project</b> - Delay is due to problems in securing the easement and local approvals needed for shelter placement. Shelter design is complete, locations have been chosen, easements have been secured and project completion is anticipated on October 29, 2004.		
4	Tahoe Transit District	\$0	2 months
	TRPA	\$0	
		\$0	08/31/2004
	Expansion Vehicles	\$180,000	
		<b>\$180,000</b>	Support
	<b>RTSGP Project</b> - Acquisition was postponed to resolve design specification issues and to secure CHP approval to operate vehicles on State routes. Issues have been resolved and order was placed on April 16, 2004. Project completion is anticipated by August 31, 2004.		
5	Tahoe Transit District	\$0	2 months
	TRPA	\$0	
		\$0	08/31/2004
	Trolley Replacement Vehicles	\$323,000	
		<b>\$323,000</b>	Support
	<b>RTSGP Project</b> - Delay in delivery of the chassis and wheelchair lift to the manufacturer resulted in a delay in the vehicle construction schedule. Project completion is anticipated by August 31, 2004.		

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	PPNO Project Description	PA&ED PS&E R/W CON TOTAL	Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
6	Tahoe Transit District TRPA  Transit Passenger Facilities  <b>RTSGP Project</b> - The 2003 construction season was missed due to a delay in obtaining the required permits. All permits are final and work will commence on May 15, 2004, the first day construction is allowed in the Tahoe Basin. Project completion is anticipated by October 31, 2004.	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$135,000 <b>\$135,000</b>	4 months  10/31/2004  Support
7	Tahoe Transit District TRPA  Fare Management System  <b>RTSGP Project</b> - Delay is due to difficulty in securing matching funds.	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$270,000 <b>\$270,000</b>	16 months  10/31/2005  Support
8	Los Angeles (DPW) Los Angeles  Replacement Vehicles  <b>RTSGP Project</b> - Delay is due to the completion of the compressed natural gas fueling facility, which is scheduled to coincide with the procurement of the vehicles.	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$723,000 <b>\$723,000</b>	12 months  06/30/2005  Support
9	Los Angeles (DPW) Los Angeles  Bus Stop Shelters  <b>RTSGP Project</b> - Delay with the design and specifications of the solar power panels and the integration of the electronic message boards delayed the contract award until April 6, 2004.	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$525,000 <b>\$525,000</b>	6 months  12/31/2004  Support
10	North County Transit District San Diego  Bus Stop Improvements  <b>RTSGP Project</b> - Delay is due to obtaining the necessary permit documentation from local agencies, Indian tribes and Caltrans as required under their conditions of approval, and the devastating fires in area this past year.	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$540,000 <b>\$540,000</b>	4 months  10/31/2004  Support

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Mass Transportation Project

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	Reason for Project Delay	R/W	
		CON	
		TOTAL	
1	Sacramento Regional Transit District (Sac RT)	\$0	20 months
	Sacramento County	\$0	
		\$0	02/28/2006
	03-1646	\$10,000,000	
	South Sacramento Light Rail Extension	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	Support
<p>Final close-out of the project will take longer due to several unforeseen reasons, including resolution of two significant construction contractor claims and one utility company claim filed against Sac RT. Also, some final payments are on hold as Sac RT has had difficulties confirming final billings, particularly from the railroad and utility companies. Furthermore, there are some unfinished punchlist items, including miscellaneous landscape modifications and traffic signal modifications necessary to comply with City traffic standards, needed for work left incomplete at the end of major construction activities.</p>			